HIGH PRICES CAUSE *DECLINE IN HUNTING*

However, There Are Still Nimrods in Boone, as License Records Show.

GOOD QUAIL SEASON Local Hunters Think They Have Best Duck-Shooting Outfit in State.

When Daniel Boone desired to go hunting he had only to shoulder his rifie, call the dogs and set out in any direction his fancy might list. Not so with a Columbian today. In the first place he probably has no dog to call; for the high cost of living has long since come between man and his "best friend." Also, the man of slip of paper costing one dollar and Rollins Field on Thanksgiving Day. called a hunting license. He then

pretty well over the county wherever country. there are hiding places. Buck-brush, Quails must be near water. This s2ason, which has had enough rain, al-Missouri River bottoms.

No More Fox Hunts. Fox-hunting, which used to be popular with many Columbians, has died out. Barbed wire fences, which prevent the man on horseback from following, and the higher cost of feeding hounds are responsible. Foxes are still plentiful. No one keeps a pack of hounds now. E. M. Watson, who for years kept several dogs, has only

Dr. R. L. Lockridge, 1409 Hinkson avenue, and J. E. Higbee, 1405 East Broadway, are two of the town's most successful quail hunters. They hunt together a great deal. Both like to use two or three dogs. One dog, they say, cannot put the proper style and zest into his work. They get as much enjoyment in watching the rivalry Ohio State Wins among the dogs, and how each one Western Championship. tock still upon striking the

they get in bagging the quall. both men not to shoot till the bird is came the champions of the Western on the wing and not to shoot the sec- Conference. The Syracuse-Colgate ond time at a bird unless it is crippled score should have read, Syracuse 27, down a quail for every shot in the Indiana 23 to 0, instead of Depauw. open and one for every two shots in brush. Doctor Lockridge attends trap Missouri Third shoots and has won several prizes. He In Cross Country Meet. used to bag fifty quaits in a day be- Missouri finished third in the Mismay kill only ten birds in one day and Manhattan Saturday. Three Ames must not have more than fifteen in his runners finished ahead of any of the possession at one time.

Party Bags 117 Ducks.

Duck and geese shooting has be- points. come an institution with Dr. E. H. Kansas, with 49 points, was second; who have taken a camping trip to- the Kansas Aggies were fourth. to November 6. They killed 117 ducks, ond. Hawthorne's time was twenty-mostly mallards. Only one flock of six minutes and fifty-six seconds. geese was seen; most of the geese had The Ames men ran consistently already passed on.

quires infinite patience. The three men of the race was the sprint of Dewalt of the hunters from dampness, from 8 a lead of ten yards from the tape. The o'clock till 11 in the morning motionless, waiting for the ducks. Some mornings no ducks came in. When a flock decided to alight near there is would circle two or three times to assure itself. It was then that the wait would become the most wearing; for the men did not dare even to turn their heads to see whether the ducks were coming back, lest they be detected. Only when the ducks let their feet dangle could the men depend upon their alighting.

When the wild ducks had been enficed within gunshot by the quacking of Mr. Taylor's decoy ducks, the shooters would scare them up and begin firing. The flock out of range, they would untie their motor-boat and gather the ducks. By picking and drawing the ducks and burying them under two feet of sand they were able to bring several home in good con-

Messrs. Hill, Smith and Taylor think they have the nearest complete duck shooting outfit in the state. Two roomy tents, shotguns and rifles. a motor that is attachable to a rowboat, a first aid equipment, a range, rubber

hip boots and tables and chairs are men finished: Hawthone, Ames; Crom part of the equipment.

souri each year.

kill more than fifteen in one day nor gies. have more than twenty-five in his possession at one time.

SPORT

Missouri Valley Standing		
W.	L.	Pct.
Nebraska2	0	1000
Kansas2	1	666
Iowa A. C	1	666
Kansas A. C	2	500
Missouri2	3	400
Washington	2	333
Drake0	2	000

Although only two Valley football games were played Saturday the Valley title for 1917 is today securely at moderate means hesitates to bid rest in the Nebraska camp by virtue against the Allies for ammunition nor of the Cornhuskers' 13 to 3 victory would be dare go wherever he liked over Kansas, the only other contender. to hunt, else some farmer would hall Missouri's hopes for the title perished several game ago, but the 19 to 3 him before a justice of the peace for victory over Washington has raised trespass. Moreover, Mr. Columbian the spirit of the Missouri rooters for a must provide himself with a small chance at downing the Jayhawkers on

Kansas looks good for second place understands the spirit behind that old in the Valley race unless Missouri bit of Presbyterian prayer, "Lord, we can spurt to that position by winning thank thee for the blessed right of the Turkey Day contest. Kansas has freedom without license." Lastly, game defeated the Ames and Kansas Aggies. is scarce and may be shot only in Both these teams won against Missouri, although the Missourians may Despite these drawbacks, 560 hunt- prove that the score did not indicate ing licenses have been taken out in the strength of the teams. Nebraska Boone County this year. This is 25 made merry with Missouri to the tune short of the number issued by the of 52 to 0, while the Kansas eleven same time last year. Ducks, geese had the best of their game with Neand quail comprise nearly all the braska in the first half and scored game. Of course squirrels, 'possums, three points. Apparently the Huskers coons and rabbits are more or less let the Kansas team, wear itself out plentiful. They, however, are hunted and when the machine-like drives of by the farmers, who may hunt without the heavier team were started the license on their own and rented land. Jayhawkers found themselves against Ducks and geese are found on the the strongest team in the Valley and Missouri River. Quail are spread one which classes with the best in the

Missourians are not enthusiastic thickets of small brush and patches of about the way Kansas made their grass tufts afford ideal covers for score. Field goals have decided sevquail, especially when in a draw. eral close Missouri-Kansas games and although there is not a great probability of such a close score as to make three lows them a wide range of feeding. In dry seasons they run mostly in the Tiger or Jayhawker rooter will say that "dope" can not be depended upon for this annual classic.

Local football followers who saw the game at Lawrence were not impressed with the showing of Kansas and assert that Nebraska did not put up the same kind of a game as they did against the Tigers.

The Washington game resulted as expected. There was little doubt but that Missouri would win. Little can be deduced from the playing of the Tigers as the substitutions were so numerous that there was little chance to see what an organized team would have done.

Ames, Drake and the Kansas Aggies were idle Saturday but all of these teams are out of the Valley race.

covey from a different approach, as Missourian in giving the score of the Ohio State-Illinois game, Ohio State It is a nicety of hunting ethics with won the game 13 to 0, and thus beat the first shot. They expect to bring Colgate 7, and Notre Dame defeated

fore a limit was set. A hunter now souri Valley Cross Country Meet at other contestants and the Iowans easily won the run with a total of 24

Smith, L. E. Hill and J. M. Taylor, Missouri came next with 69 points and

gether on the Missouri River each fall Hawthorne of Ames clipped two for the last eleven years. This fall minutes off the record for the Aggle season they set up camp on Wolf's 5-mile course, when he broke the tape Island, opposite Little Bonne Femme more than 150 yards ahead of Creek, staying there from October 28 his teammate, Cromer, who was sec-

throughout the trio, alternating in the To kill ducks says Mr. Hill, re- lead the exent of run. The best part would stand in their zinc boxes, which Kansas, who finished only a yard were sunk in the ground to protect ahead of Foreman, of Aggles, who had

er. Ames; Husted, Ames; Dewalt, R. L. Hill, D. V. Vandiver, Joe Estes Kansas; Foreman, Aggies; Banks, and Porter Mitchell recently spent Missouri; Flint, Missouri; Reed, Ames; several days in duck shooting on the Brown, Kansas; Hanna, Kansas; Mc-Missouri. This party goes to the Mis-Call, Kansas; Beckett, Aggies; Fritsche, Ames; Reeder, Missouri; Buff-The open season for killing ducks ington, Kansas; Seeber, Aggies; Ridand geese begins September 15 and dle, Missouri; Thackery, Aggies; Mclasts till April 31. A hunter must not Gregory, Missouri, and Corbett, Ag-

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